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STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, adopted and opened for signature, ratification or accession the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
2. Both Covenants and the Optional Protocol were opened for signature at New York on 19 December 1966. In accordance with their respective provisions, 1/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights entered into force on 3 January 1976, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights entered into force on 23 March 1976, and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, having received the required number of ratifications or accessions, entered into force simultaneously with that Covenant on 23 March 1976.
3. The General Assembly, by its resolution 44/128 of 15 December 1989, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and called upon all Governments in a position to do so to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Second Optional Protocol.
4. The Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights entered into force on 11 July 1991, three months after the date of deposit with the Secretary-General of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession. 2/

5. By its resolution 1994/15 of 25 February 1994, the Commission on Human Rights, inter alia, appealed strongly to all States that had not yet become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to do so, as well as to accede to the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to make the declaration provided for in its article 41; invited the Secretary-General to intensify systematic efforts to encourage States to become parties to the Covenants and, through the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to provide such services as might be sought by States that were not parties to the Covenants, with a view to assisting them to ratify them or accede thereto; encouraged States parties to review periodically, any reservations made in respect of the provisions of the International Covenants on Human Rights with a view to withdrawing them; and stressed to States parties the importance of avoiding the erosion of human rights by derogation, and underlined the necessity for strict observance of the agreed condition and procedure for derogation under article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the need for States parties to provide full and timely information also during states of emergency, so that the justification and appropriateness of measures taken in these circumstances could be assessed. The Commission also urged States parties to fulfil in good time their reporting obligations under the International Covenants on Human Rights and to take duly into account, in implementing the provisions of the Covenants, the observations made at the conclusion of the consideration of their reports by the Human Rights Committee and by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Commission further requested the Secretary-General to submit at its fifty-first session a report on the status of the International Covenants and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, including all reservations and declarations. 3/

6. As at 1 December 1994, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights had been ratified or acceded to by 129 States; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by 124 States; the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by 74 States; and the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by 19 States.

7. Upon ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or subsequently 43 States made the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant, recognizing the competence of the Human Rights Committee established under article 28 of the Covenant to receive and consider communications to the effect that a State party claims that another State party is not fulfilling its obligations under the Covenant. The provisions of article 41 entered into force on 28 March 1979 in accordance with paragraph 2 of that article.

8. The lists of the States parties to the Covenants and the Optional Protocols, the dates of their ratifications, accessions or successions as well as the dates of entry into force of those instruments for each State appear in annexes I and II to the present document.

Notes

1/ Article 27 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, article 49 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and article 9 of the Optional Protocol.

2/ Article 8 of the Second Optional Protocol.

3/ For the text of reservations, declarations, notifications and objections relating to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, see document E/C.12/1993/3; for the text of reservations, declarations, notifications and objections relating to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols thereto, see document CCPR/C/2/Rev.4.

Annex I

STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT  
ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AS  
AT 1 DECEMBER 1994 (129)

| <u>State party</u>     | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/<br/>or succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Afghanistan            | 24 January 1983 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 24 April 1983                       |
| Albania                | 4 October 1991 <u>a/</u>                                                                               | 4 January 1992                      |
| Algeria                | 12 September 1989                                                                                      | 12 December 1989                    |
| Angola                 | 10 January 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 10 April 1992                       |
| Argentina              | 8 August 1986                                                                                          | 8 November 1986                     |
| Armenia                | 13 September 1993                                                                                      | 13 December 1993                    |
| Australia              | 10 December 1975                                                                                       | 10 March 1976                       |
| Austria                | 10 September 1978                                                                                      | 10 December 1978                    |
| Azerbaijan             | 13 August 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                               | 13 November 1992                    |
| Barbados               | 5 January 1973 <u>a/</u>                                                                               | 3 January 1976                      |
| Belarus                | 12 November 1973                                                                                       | 3 January 1976                      |
| Belgium                | 21 April 1983                                                                                          | 21 July 1983                        |
| Benin                  | 12 March 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 12 June 1992                        |
| Bolivia                | 12 August 1982 <u>a/</u>                                                                               | 12 November 1982                    |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 September 1993 <u>b/</u>                                                                             | 6 March 1992                        |
| Brazil                 | 24 January 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 24 April 1992                       |
| Bulgaria               | 21 September 1970                                                                                      | 3 January 1976                      |
| Burundi                | 9 May 1990 <u>a/</u>                                                                                   | 9 August 1990                       |
| Cambodia               | 26 May 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                  | 26 August 1992                      |
| Cameroon               | 27 June 1984 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 27 September 1984                   |

| <u>State party</u>                       | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/<br/>or succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Canada                                   | 19 May 1976 a/                                                                                         | 19 August 1976                      |
| Cape Verde                               | 6 August 1993 a/                                                                                       | 6 November 1993                     |
| Central African Republic                 | 8 May 1981 a/                                                                                          | 8 August 1981                       |
| Chile                                    | 10 February 1972                                                                                       | 3 January 1976                      |
| China*                                   |                                                                                                        |                                     |
| Colombia                                 | 29 October 1969                                                                                        | 3 January 1976                      |
| Congo                                    | 5 October 1983 a/                                                                                      | 5 January 1984                      |
| Costa Rica                               | 29 November 1968                                                                                       | 3 January 1976                      |
| Côte d'Ivoire                            | 26 March 1992 a/                                                                                       | 26 June 1992                        |
| Croatia                                  | 8 October 1991 b/                                                                                      | 8 October 1991                      |
| Cyprus                                   | 2 April 1969                                                                                           | 3 January 1976                      |
| Czech Republic                           | 22 February 1993 b/                                                                                    | 1 January 1993                      |
| Democratic People's<br>Republic of Korea | 14 September 1981 a/                                                                                   | 14 December 1981                    |
| Denmark                                  | 6 January 1972                                                                                         | 3 January 1976                      |
| Dominica                                 | 17 June 1993 a/                                                                                        | 17 September 1993                   |

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\* Following the adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 on the restoration of the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China in the United Nations, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, by a note addressed to the Secretary-General, received on 29 September 1972, stated:

"1. With regard to the multilateral treaties signed, ratified or acceded to by the defunct Chinese Government before the establishment of the People's Republic of China, my Government will examine all their contents before making a decision in the light of the circumstances as to whether or not they should be recognized.

"2. As from 1 October 1949, the day of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Chiang Kai-Shek clique has no right at all to represent China. Its signature and ratification of, or accession to, any multilateral treaties by usurping the name of 'China' are all illegal and null and void. My Government will study these multilateral treaties before making a decision in the light of the circumstances as to whether or not they should be acceded to."

The lists in annexes I and II therefore do not include the signature of the two International Covenants and the Optional Protocol on behalf of the "Republic of China" on 5 October 1967.

| <u>State party</u>         | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/<br/>or succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dominican Republic         | 4 January 1978 a/                                                                                      | 4 April 1978                        |
| Ecuador                    | 6 March 1969                                                                                           | 3 January 1976                      |
| Egypt                      | 14 January 1982                                                                                        | 14 April 1982                       |
| El Salvador                | 30 November 1979                                                                                       | 29 February 1980                    |
| Equatorial Guinea          | 25 September 1987 a/                                                                                   | 25 December 1987                    |
| Estonia                    | 21 October 1991 a/                                                                                     | 21 January 1992                     |
| Ethiopia                   | 11 June 1993 a/                                                                                        | 11 September 1993                   |
| Finland                    | 19 August 1975                                                                                         | 3 January 1976                      |
| France                     | 4 November 1980 a/                                                                                     | 4 February 1981                     |
| Gabon                      | 21 January 1983 a/                                                                                     | 21 April 1983                       |
| Gambia                     | 29 December 1978 a/                                                                                    | 29 March 1979                       |
| Georgia                    | 3 May 1994 a/                                                                                          | 3 August 1994                       |
| Germany                    | 17 December 1973                                                                                       | 3 January 1976                      |
| Greece                     | 16 May 1985 a/                                                                                         | 16 August 1985                      |
| Grenada                    | 6 September 1991 a/                                                                                    | 6 December 1991                     |
| Guatemala                  | 19 May 1988 a/                                                                                         | 19 August 1988                      |
| Guinea                     | 24 January 1978                                                                                        | 24 April 1978                       |
| Guinea-Bissau              | 2 July 1992 a/                                                                                         | 2 October 1992                      |
| Guyana                     | 15 February 1977                                                                                       | 15 May 1977                         |
| Honduras                   | 17 February 1981 a/                                                                                    | 17 May 1981                         |
| Hungary                    | 17 January 1974                                                                                        | 3 January 1976                      |
| Iceland                    | 22 August 1979                                                                                         | 22 November 1979                    |
| India                      | 10 April 1979 a/                                                                                       | 10 July 1979                        |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 24 June 1975                                                                                           | 3 January 1976                      |
| Iraq                       | 25 January 1971                                                                                        | 3 January 1976                      |
| Ireland                    | 8 December 1989                                                                                        | 8 March 1990                        |
| Israel                     | 3 October 1991                                                                                         | 3 January 1992                      |
| Italy                      | 15 September 1978                                                                                      | 15 December 1978                    |
| Jamaica                    | 3 October 1975                                                                                         | 3 January 1976                      |
| Japan                      | 21 June 1979                                                                                           | 21 September 1979                   |
| Jordan                     | 28 May 1975                                                                                            | 3 January 1976                      |
| Kenya                      | 1 May 1972 a/                                                                                          | 3 January 1976                      |
| Latvia                     | 14 April 1992 a/                                                                                       | 14 July 1992                        |
| Lebanon                    | 3 November 1972 a/                                                                                     | 3 January 1976                      |
| Lesotho                    | 9 September 1992 a/                                                                                    | 9 December 1992                     |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya     | 15 May 1970 a/                                                                                         | 3 January 1976                      |
| Lithuania                  | 20 November 1991 a/                                                                                    | 20 February 1992                    |
| Luxembourg                 | 18 August 1983                                                                                         | 18 November 1983                    |
| Madagascar                 | 22 September 1971 a/                                                                                   | 3 January 1976                      |
| Malawi                     | 22 December 1993 a/                                                                                    | 22 March 1994                       |

| <u>State party</u>                  | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/<br/>or succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mali                                | 16 July 1974 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 3 January 1976                      |
| Malta                               | 13 September 1990                                                                                      | 13 December 1990                    |
| Mauritius                           | 12 December 1973 <u>a/</u>                                                                             | 3 January 1976                      |
| Mexico                              | 23 March 1981 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 23 June 1981                        |
| Mongolia                            | 18 November 1974                                                                                       | 3 January 1976                      |
| Morocco                             | 3 May 1979                                                                                             | 3 August 1979                       |
| Nepal                               | 14 May 1991 <u>a/</u>                                                                                  | 14 August 1991                      |
| Netherlands                         | 11 December 1978                                                                                       | 11 March 1979                       |
| New Zealand                         | 28 December 1978                                                                                       | 28 March 1979                       |
| Nicaragua                           | 12 March 1980 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 12 June 1980                        |
| Niger                               | 7 March 1986 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 7 June 1986                         |
| Nigeria                             | 29 July 1993 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 29 October 1993                     |
| Norway                              | 13 September 1972                                                                                      | 3 January 1976                      |
| Panama                              | 8 March 1977                                                                                           | 8 June 1977                         |
| Paraguay                            | 10 June 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 10 September 1992                   |
| Peru                                | 28 April 1978                                                                                          | 28 July 1978                        |
| Philippines                         | 7 June 1974                                                                                            | 3 January 1976                      |
| Poland                              | 18 March 1977                                                                                          | 18 June 1977                        |
| Portugal                            | 31 July 1978                                                                                           | 31 October 1978                     |
| Republic of Korea                   | 10 April 1990 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 10 July 1990                        |
| Republic of Moldova                 | 26 January 1993 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 26 April 1993                       |
| Romania                             | 9 December 1974                                                                                        | 3 January 1976                      |
| Russian Federation                  | 16 October 1973                                                                                        | 3 January 1976                      |
| Rwanda                              | 16 April 1975 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 3 January 1976                      |
| Saint Vincent and<br>the Grenadines | 9 November 1981 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 9 February 1982                     |
| San Marino                          | 18 October 1985 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 18 January 1986                     |
| Senegal                             | 13 February 1978                                                                                       | 13 May 1978                         |
| Seychelles                          | 5 May 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                   | 5 August 1992                       |
| Slovakia                            | 28 May 1993 <u>b/</u>                                                                                  | 1 January 1993                      |
| Slovenia                            | 6 July 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                  | 6 July 1992                         |
| Solomon Islands                     | 17 March 1982 <u>b/</u>                                                                                | 17 March 1982                       |
| Somalia                             | 24 January 1990 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 24 April 1990                       |
| Spain                               | 27 April 1977                                                                                          | 27 July 1977                        |
| Sri Lanka                           | 11 June 1980 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 11 September 1980                   |
| Sudan                               | 18 March 1986 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 18 June 1986                        |

| <u>State party</u>                                         | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/<br/>or succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
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| Suriname                                                   | 28 December 1976 <u>a/</u>                                                                             | 28 March 1977                       |
| Sweden                                                     | 6 December 1971                                                                                        | 3 January 1976                      |
| Switzerland                                                | 18 June 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 18 September 1992                   |
| Syrian Arab Republic                                       | 21 April 1969 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 3 January 1976                      |
| The Former Yugoslav<br>Republic of Macedonia               | 18 January 1994 <u>b/</u>                                                                              | 17 September 1991                   |
| Togo                                                       | 24 May 1984 <u>a/</u>                                                                                  | 24 August 1984                      |
| Trinidad and Tobago                                        | 8 December 1978 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 8 March 1979                        |
| Tunisia                                                    | 18 March 1969                                                                                          | 3 January 1976                      |
| Uganda                                                     | 21 January 1987 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 21 April 1987                       |
| Ukraine                                                    | 12 November 1973                                                                                       | 3 January 1976                      |
| United Kingdom<br>of Great Britain<br>and Northern Ireland | 20 May 1976                                                                                            | 20 August 1976                      |
| United Republic of Tanzania                                | 11 June 1976 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 11 September 1976                   |
| Uruguay                                                    | 1 April 1970                                                                                           | 3 January 1976                      |
| Venezuela                                                  | 10 May 1978                                                                                            | 10 August 1978                      |
| Viet Nam                                                   | 24 September 1982 <u>a/</u>                                                                            | 24 December 1982                    |
| Yemen                                                      | 9 February 1987 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 9 May 1987                          |
| Yugoslavia                                                 | 2 June 1971                                                                                            | 3 January 1976                      |
| Zaire                                                      | 1 November 1976 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 1 February 1977                     |
| Zambia                                                     | 10 April 1984 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 10 July 1984                        |
| Zimbabwe                                                   | 13 May 1991 <u>a/</u>                                                                                  | 13 August 1991                      |

Annex II

STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND  
POLITICAL RIGHTS AND TO THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOLS AND STATES  
WHICH HAVE MADE THE DECLARATION UNDER ARTICLE 41 OF THE  
COVENANT AS AT 1 DECEMBER 1994

A. States parties to the International Covenant  
on Civil and Political Rights (127)

| <u>State party</u>          | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/ or<br/>succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Afghanistan                 | 24 January 1983 a/                                                                                     | 24 April 1983                       |
| Albania                     | 4 October 1991 a/                                                                                      | 4 January 1992                      |
| Algeria                     | 12 September 1989                                                                                      | 12 December 1989                    |
| Angola                      | 10 January 1992 a/                                                                                     | 10 April 1992                       |
| Argentina                   | 8 August 1986                                                                                          | 8 November 1986                     |
| Armenia                     | 23 June 1993                                                                                           | 23 September 1993                   |
| Australia                   | 13 August 1980                                                                                         | 13 November 1980                    |
| Austria                     | 10 September 1978                                                                                      | 10 December 1978                    |
| Azerbaijan                  | 13 August 1992 a/                                                                                      | 13 November 1992                    |
| Barbados                    | 5 January 1973 a/                                                                                      | 23 March 1976                       |
| Belarus                     | 12 November 1973                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| Belgium                     | 21 April 1983                                                                                          | 21 July 1983                        |
| Benin                       | 12 March 1992 a/                                                                                       | 12 June 1992                        |
| Bolivia                     | 12 August 1982 a/                                                                                      | 12 November 1982                    |
| Bosnia and<br>Herzegovina   | 1 September 1993 b/                                                                                    | 6 March 1992                        |
| Brazil                      | 24 January 1992 a/                                                                                     | 24 April 1992                       |
| Bulgaria                    | 21 September 1970                                                                                      | 23 March 1976                       |
| Burundi                     | 9 May 1990 a/                                                                                          | 9 August 1990                       |
| Cambodia                    | 26 May 1992 a/                                                                                         | 26 August 1992                      |
| Cameroon                    | 27 June 1984 a/                                                                                        | 27 September 1984                   |
| Canada                      | 19 May 1976 a/                                                                                         | 19 August 1976                      |
| Cape Verde                  | 6 August 1993 a/                                                                                       | 6 November 1993                     |
| Central African<br>Republic | 8 May 1981 a/                                                                                          | 8 August 1981                       |
| Chile                       | 10 February 1972                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| Colombia                    | 29 October 1969                                                                                        | 23 March 1976                       |
| Congo                       | 5 October 1983 a/                                                                                      | 5 January 1984                      |
| Costa Rica                  | 29 November 1968                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| Côte d'Ivoire               | 26 March 1992 a/                                                                                       | 26 June 1992                        |
| Croatia                     | 8 October 1991 b/                                                                                      | 8 October 1991                      |
| Cyprus                      | 2 April 1969                                                                                           | 23 March 1976                       |

| <u>State party</u>                       | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/ or<br/>succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Czech Republic                           | 22 February 1993 b/                                                                                    | 1 January 1993                      |
| Democratic People's<br>Republic of Korea | 14 September 1981 a/                                                                                   | 14 December 1981                    |
| Denmark                                  | 6 January 1972                                                                                         | 23 March 1976                       |
| Dominica                                 | 17 June 1993 a/                                                                                        | 17 September 1993                   |
| Dominican Republic                       | 4 January 1978 a/                                                                                      | 4 April 1978                        |
| Ecuador                                  | 6 March 1969                                                                                           | 23 March 1976                       |
| Egypt                                    | 14 January 1982                                                                                        | 14 April 1982                       |
| El Salvador                              | 30 November 1979                                                                                       | 29 February 1980                    |
| Equatorial Guinea                        | 25 September 1987 a/                                                                                   | 25 December 1987                    |
| Estonia                                  | 21 October 1991 a/                                                                                     | 21 January 1992                     |
| Ethiopia                                 | 11 June 1993 a/                                                                                        | 11 September 1993                   |
| Finland                                  | 19 August 1975                                                                                         | 23 March 1976                       |
| France                                   | 4 November 1980 a/                                                                                     | 4 February 1981                     |
| Gabon                                    | 21 January 1983 a/                                                                                     | 21 April 1983                       |
| Gambia                                   | 22 March 1979 a/                                                                                       | 22 June 1979                        |
| Georgia                                  | 3 May 1994 a/                                                                                          | 3 August 1994                       |
| Germany                                  | 17 December 1973                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| Grenada                                  | 6 September 1991 a/                                                                                    | 6 December 1991                     |
| Guatemala                                | 6 May 1992 a/                                                                                          | 5 August 1992                       |
| Guinea                                   | 24 January 1978                                                                                        | 24 April 1978                       |
| Guyana                                   | 15 February 1977                                                                                       | 15 May 1977                         |
| Haiti                                    | 6 February 1991 a/                                                                                     | 6 May 1991                          |
| Hungary                                  | 17 January 1974                                                                                        | 23 March 1976                       |
| Iceland                                  | 22 August 1979                                                                                         | 22 November 1979                    |
| India                                    | 10 April 1979 a/                                                                                       | 10 July 1979                        |
| Iran (Islamic<br>Republic of)            | 24 June 1975                                                                                           | 23 March 1976                       |
| Iraq                                     | 25 January 1971                                                                                        | 23 March 1976                       |
| Ireland                                  | 8 December 1989                                                                                        | 8 March 1990                        |
| Israel                                   | 3 October 1991 a/                                                                                      | 3 January 1992                      |
| Italy                                    | 15 September 1978                                                                                      | 15 December 1978                    |
| Jamaica                                  | 3 October 1975                                                                                         | 23 March 1976                       |
| Japan                                    | 21 June 1979                                                                                           | 21 September 1979                   |
| Jordan                                   | 28 May 1975                                                                                            | 23 March 1976                       |
| Kenya                                    | 1 May 1972 a/                                                                                          | 23 March 1976                       |
| Latvia                                   | 14 April 1992 a/                                                                                       | 14 July 1992                        |

| <u>State party</u>                  | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/ or<br/>succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lebanon                             | 3 November 1972 a/                                                                                     | 23 March 1976                       |
| Lesotho                             | 9 September 1992 a/                                                                                    | 9 December 1992                     |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya              | 15 May 1970 a/                                                                                         | 23 March 1976                       |
| Lithuania                           | 20 November 1991 a/                                                                                    | 20 February 1992                    |
| Luxembourg                          | 18 August 1983                                                                                         | 18 November 1983                    |
| Madagascar                          | 21 June 1971                                                                                           | 23 March 1976                       |
| Malawi                              | 22 December 1993 a/                                                                                    | 22 March 1994                       |
| Mali                                | 16 July 1974 a/                                                                                        | 23 March 1976                       |
| Malta                               | 13 September 1990 a/                                                                                   | 13 December 1990                    |
| Mauritius                           | 12 December 1973 a/                                                                                    | 23 March 1976                       |
| Mexico                              | 23 March 1981 a/                                                                                       | 23 June 1981                        |
| Mongolia                            | 18 November 1974                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| Morocco                             | 3 May 1979                                                                                             | 3 August 1979                       |
| Mozambique                          | 21 July 1993 a/                                                                                        | 21 October 1993                     |
| Nepal                               | 14 May 1991                                                                                            | 14 August 1991                      |
| Netherlands                         | 11 December 1978                                                                                       | 11 March 1979                       |
| New Zealand                         | 28 December 1978                                                                                       | 28 March 1979                       |
| Nicaragua                           | 12 March 1980 a/                                                                                       | 12 June 1980                        |
| Niger                               | 7 March 1986 a/                                                                                        | 7 June 1986                         |
| Nigeria                             | 29 July 1993 a/                                                                                        | 29 October 1993                     |
| Norway                              | 13 September 1972                                                                                      | 23 March 1976                       |
| Panama                              | 8 March 1977                                                                                           | 8 June 1977                         |
| Paraguay                            | 10 June 1992 a/                                                                                        | 10 September 1992                   |
| Peru                                | 28 April 1978                                                                                          | 28 July 1978                        |
| Philippines                         | 23 October 1986                                                                                        | 23 January 1987                     |
| Poland                              | 18 March 1977                                                                                          | 18 June 1977                        |
| Portugal                            | 15 June 1978                                                                                           | 15 September 1978                   |
| Republic of Korea                   | 10 April 1990 a/                                                                                       | 10 July 1990                        |
| Republic of Moldova                 | 26 January 1993 a/                                                                                     | 26 April 1993                       |
| Romania                             | 9 December 1974                                                                                        | 23 March 1976                       |
| Russian Federation                  | 16 October 1973                                                                                        | 23 March 1976                       |
| Rwanda                              | 16 April 1975 a/                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| Saint Vincent and<br>the Grenadines | 9 November 1981 a/                                                                                     | 9 February 1982                     |
| San Marino                          | 18 October 1985 a/                                                                                     | 18 January 1986                     |
| Senegal                             | 13 February 1978                                                                                       | 13 May 1978                         |

| <u>State party</u>                                         | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification<br/>accession a/ or<br/>succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Seychelles                                                 | 5 May 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                   | 5 August 1992                       |
| Slovakia                                                   | 28 May 1993 <u>b/</u>                                                                                  | 1 January 1993                      |
| Slovenia                                                   | 6 July 1992 <u>b/</u>                                                                                  | 6 July 1992                         |
| Somalia                                                    | 24 January 1990 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 24 April 1990                       |
| Spain                                                      | 27 April 1977                                                                                          | 27 July 1977                        |
| Sri Lanka                                                  | 11 June 1980 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 11 September 1980                   |
| Sudan                                                      | 18 March 1986 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 18 June 1986                        |
| Suriname                                                   | 28 December 1976 <u>a/</u>                                                                             | 28 March 1977                       |
| Sweden                                                     | 6 December 1971                                                                                        | 23 March 1976                       |
| Switzerland                                                | 18 June 1992 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 18 September 1992                   |
| Syrian Arab Republic                                       | 21 April 1969 <u>a/</u>                                                                                | 23 March 1976                       |
| The Former Yugoslav<br>Republic of Macedonia               | 18 January 1994 <u>b/</u>                                                                              | 17 September 1991                   |
| Togo                                                       | 24 May 1984 <u>a/</u>                                                                                  | 24 August 1984                      |
| Trinidad and Tobago                                        | 21 December 1978 <u>a/</u>                                                                             | 21 March 1979                       |
| Tunisia                                                    | 18 March 1969                                                                                          | 23 March 1976                       |
| Ukraine                                                    | 12 November 1973                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| United Kingdom of<br>Great Britain and<br>Northern Ireland | 20 May 1976                                                                                            | 20 August 1976                      |
| United Republic of Tanzania                                | 11 June 1976 <u>a/</u>                                                                                 | 11 September 1976                   |
| United States of America                                   | 8 June 1992                                                                                            | 8 September 1992                    |
| Uruguay                                                    | 1 April 1970                                                                                           | 23 March 1976                       |
| Venezuela                                                  | 10 May 1978                                                                                            | 10 August 1978                      |
| Viet Nam                                                   | 24 September 1982 <u>a/</u>                                                                            | 24 December 1982                    |
| Yemen                                                      | 9 February 1987 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 9 May 1987                          |
| Yugoslavia                                                 | 2 June 1971                                                                                            | 23 March 1976                       |
| Zaire                                                      | 1 November 1976 <u>a/</u>                                                                              | 1 February 1977                     |
| Zambia                                                     | 10 April 1984 (a)                                                                                      | 10 July 1984                        |
| Zimbabwe                                                   | 13 May 1991 (a)                                                                                        | 13 August 1991                      |

B. States which have made the declaration under  
article 41 of the Covenant (44)

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Valid from</u> | <u>Valid until</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Algeria            | 12 September 1989 | Indefinitely       |
| Argentina          | 8 August 1986     | Indefinitely       |
| Australia          | 28 January 1993   | Indefinitely       |
| Austria            | 10 September 1978 | Indefinitely       |
| Belarus            | 30 September 1992 | Indefinitely       |

| <u>State party</u>                                   | <u>Valid from</u> | <u>Valid until</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Belgium                                              | 5 March 1987      | Indefinitely       |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina                               | 6 March 1992      | Indefinitely       |
| Bulgaria                                             | 12 May 1993       | Indefinitely       |
| Canada                                               | 29 October 1979   | Indefinitely       |
| Chile                                                | 11 March 1990     | Indefinitely       |
| Congo                                                | 7 July 1989       | Indefinitely       |
| Czech Republic                                       | 1 January 1993    | Indefinitely       |
| Denmark                                              | 23 March 1976     | Indefinitely       |
| Ecuador                                              | 24 August 1984    | Indefinitely       |
| Finland                                              | 19 August 1975    | Indefinitely       |
| Gambia                                               | 9 June 1988       | Indefinitely       |
| Germany                                              | 28 March 1979     | 27 March 1996      |
| Guyana                                               | 10 May 1993       | Indefinitely       |
| Hungary                                              | 7 September 1988  | Indefinitely       |
| Iceland                                              | 22 August 1979    | Indefinitely       |
| Ireland                                              | 8 December 1989   | Indefinitely       |
| Italy                                                | 15 September 1978 | Indefinitely       |
| Luxembourg                                           | 18 August 1983    | Indefinitely       |
| Malta                                                | 13 September 1990 | Indefinitely       |
| Netherlands                                          | 11 December 1978  | Indefinitely       |
| New Zealand                                          | 28 December 1978  | Indefinitely       |
| Norway                                               | 23 March 1976     | Indefinitely       |
| Peru                                                 | 9 April 1984      | Indefinitely       |
| Philippines                                          | 23 October 1986   | Indefinitely       |
| Poland                                               | 25 September 1990 | Indefinitely       |
| Republic of Korea                                    | 10 April 1990     | Indefinitely       |
| Russian Federation                                   | 1 October 1991    | Indefinitely       |
| Senegal                                              | 5 January 1981    | Indefinitely       |
| Slovakia                                             | 1 January 1993    | Indefinitely       |
| Slovenia                                             | 25 June 1991      | Indefinitely       |
| Spain                                                | 25 January 1985   | 25 January 1993    |
| Sri Lanka                                            | 11 June 1980      | Indefinitely       |
| Sweden                                               | 23 March 1976     | Indefinitely       |
| Switzerland                                          | 18 September 1992 | 18 September 1997  |
| Tunisia                                              | 24 June 1993      | Indefinitely       |
| Ukraine                                              | 28 July 1992      | Indefinitely       |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 20 May 1976       | Indefinitely       |
| United States of America                             | 8 September 1992  | Indefinitely       |
| Zimbabwe                                             | 20 August 1991    | Indefinitely       |

C. States parties to the Optional Protocol (77)

| <u>State party</u>       | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification or<br/>accession a/ or<br/>succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Algeria                  | 12 September 1989 a/                                                                                      | 12 December 1990                    |
| Angola                   | 10 January 1992 a/                                                                                        | 10 April 1992                       |
| Argentina                | 8 August 1986 a/                                                                                          | 8 November 1986                     |
| Armenia                  | 23 June 1993                                                                                              | 23 September 1993                   |
| Australia                | 25 September 1991 a/                                                                                      | 25 December 1991                    |
| Austria                  | 10 December 1987                                                                                          | 10 March 1988                       |
| Barbados                 | 5 January 1973 a/                                                                                         | 23 March 1976                       |
| Belarus                  | 30 September 1992 a/                                                                                      | 30 December 1992                    |
| Belgium                  | 17 May 1994                                                                                               | 17 August 1994                      |
| Benin                    | 12 March 1992 a/                                                                                          | 12 June 1992                        |
| Bolivia                  | 12 August 1982 a/                                                                                         | 12 November 1982                    |
| Bulgaria                 | 26 March 1992 a/                                                                                          | 26 June 1992                        |
| Cameroon                 | 27 June 1984 a/                                                                                           | 27 September 1984                   |
| Canada                   | 19 May 1976 a/                                                                                            | 19 August 1976                      |
| Central African Republic | 8 May 1981 a/                                                                                             | 8 August 1981                       |
| Chile                    | 28 May 1992 a/                                                                                            | 28 August 1992                      |
| Colombia                 | 29 October 1969                                                                                           | 23 March 1976                       |
| Congo                    | 5 October 1983 a/                                                                                         | 5 January 1984                      |
| Costa Rica               | 29 November 1968                                                                                          | 23 March 1976                       |
| Cyprus                   | 15 April 1992                                                                                             | 15 July 1992                        |
| Czech Republic           | 22 February 1993 b/                                                                                       | 1 January 1993                      |
| Denmark                  | 6 January 1972                                                                                            | 23 March 1976                       |
| Dominican Republic       | 4 January 1978 a/                                                                                         | 4 April 1978                        |
| Ecuador                  | 6 March 1969                                                                                              | 23 March 1976                       |
| Equatorial Guinea        | 25 September 1987 a/                                                                                      | 25 December 1987                    |
| Estonia                  | 21 October 1991 a/                                                                                        | 21 January 1992                     |
| Finland                  | 19 August 1975                                                                                            | 23 March 1976                       |
| France                   | 17 February 1984 a/                                                                                       | 17 May 1984                         |
| Gambia                   | 9 June 1988 a/                                                                                            | 9 September 1988                    |
| Georgia                  | 3 May 1994 a/                                                                                             | 3 August 1994                       |
| Germany                  | 25 August 1993                                                                                            | 25 November 1993                    |
| Guinea                   | 17 June 1993                                                                                              | 17 September 1993                   |
| Guyana                   | 10 May 1993 a/                                                                                            | 10 August 1993                      |
| Hungary                  | 7 September 1988 a/                                                                                       | 7 December 1988                     |
| Iceland                  | 22 August 1979 a/                                                                                         | 22 November 1979                    |

| <u>State party</u>                  | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification or<br/>accession a/ or<br/>succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ireland                             | 8 December 1989                                                                                           | 8 March 1990                        |
| Italy                               | 15 September 1978                                                                                         | 15 December 1978                    |
| Jamaica                             | 3 October 1975                                                                                            | 23 March 1976                       |
| Latvia                              | 22 June 1994                                                                                              | 22 September 1994                   |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya              | 16 May 1989 a/                                                                                            | 16 August 1989                      |
| Lithuania                           | 20 November 1991 a/                                                                                       | 20 February 1992                    |
| Luxembourg                          | 18 August 1983 a/                                                                                         | 18 November 1983                    |
| Madagascar                          | 21 June 1971                                                                                              | 23 March 1976                       |
| Malta                               | 13 September 1990 a/                                                                                      | 13 December 1990                    |
| Mauritius                           | 12 December 1973 a/                                                                                       | 23 March 1976                       |
| Mongolia                            | 16 April 1991 a/                                                                                          | 16 July 1991                        |
| Nepal                               | 14 May 1991 a/                                                                                            | 14 August 1991                      |
| Netherlands                         | 11 December 1978                                                                                          | 11 March 1979                       |
| New Zealand                         | 26 May 1989 a/                                                                                            | 26 August 1989                      |
| Nicaragua                           | 12 March 1980 a/                                                                                          | 12 June 1980                        |
| Niger                               | 7 March 1986 a/                                                                                           | 7 June 1986                         |
| Norway                              | 13 September 1972                                                                                         | 23 March 1976                       |
| Panama                              | 8 March 1977                                                                                              | 8 June 1977                         |
| Peru                                | 3 October 1980                                                                                            | 3 January 1981                      |
| Philippines                         | 22 August 1989 a/                                                                                         | 22 November 1989                    |
| Poland                              | 7 November 1991 a/                                                                                        | 7 February 1992                     |
| Portugal                            | 3 May 1983                                                                                                | 3 August 1983                       |
| Republic of Korea                   | 10 April 1990 a/                                                                                          | 10 July 1990                        |
| Romania                             | 20 July 1993 a/                                                                                           | 20 October 1993                     |
| Russian Federation                  | 1 October 1991 a/                                                                                         | 1 January 1992                      |
| Saint Vincent and<br>the Grenadines | 9 November 1981 a/                                                                                        | 9 February 1982                     |
| San Marino                          | 18 October 1985 a/                                                                                        | 18 January 1986                     |
| Senegal                             | 13 February 1978                                                                                          | 13 May 1978                         |
| Seychelles                          | 5 May 1992 a/                                                                                             | 5 August 1992                       |
| Slovakia                            | 28 May 1993 b/                                                                                            | 1 January 1993                      |
| Slovenia                            | 16 July 1993 a/                                                                                           | 16 October 1993                     |
| Somalia                             | 24 January 1990 a/                                                                                        | 24 April 1990                       |
| Spain                               | 25 January 1985 a/                                                                                        | 25 April 1985                       |
| Suriname                            | 28 December 1976 a/                                                                                       | 28 March 1977                       |
| Sweden                              | 6 December 1971                                                                                           | 23 March 1976                       |

| <u>State party</u>  | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification or<br/>accession a/ or<br/>succession b/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Togo                | 30 March 1988 a/                                                                                          | 30 June 1988                        |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 14 November 1980 a/                                                                                       | 14 February 1981                    |
| Ukraine             | 25 July 1991 a/                                                                                           | 25 October 1991                     |
| Uruguay             | 1 April 1970                                                                                              | 23 March 1976                       |
| Venezuela           | 10 May 1978                                                                                               | 10 August 1978                      |
| Zaire               | 1 November 1976 a/                                                                                        | 1 February 1977                     |
| Zambia              | 10 April 1984 a/                                                                                          | 10 July 1984                        |

D. Status of the Second Optional Protocol aiming  
at the abolition of the death penalty (23)

| <u>State party</u> | <u>Date of receipt of<br/>the instrument of<br/>ratification or<br/>accession a/</u> | <u>Date of entry<br/>into force</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Australia          | 2 October 1990 a/                                                                    | 11 July 1991                        |
| Austria            | 2 March 1993                                                                         | 2 June 1993                         |
| Denmark            | 24 February 1994                                                                     | 24 May 1994                         |
| Ecuador            | 23 February 1993 a/                                                                  | 23 May 1993                         |
| Finland            | 4 April 1991                                                                         | 11 July 1991                        |
| Germany            | 18 August 1992                                                                       | 18 November 1992                    |
| Hungary            | 24 February 1994                                                                     | 24 May 1994                         |
| Iceland            | 2 April 1991                                                                         | 11 July 1991                        |
| Ireland            | 18 June 1993 a/                                                                      | 18 September 1993                   |
| Luxembourg         | 12 February 1992                                                                     | 12 May 1992                         |
| Mozambique         | 21 July 1993 a/                                                                      | 21 October 1993                     |
| Netherlands        | 27 February 1991                                                                     | 11 July 1991                        |
| New Zealand        | 22 February 1990                                                                     | 11 July 1991                        |
| Norway             | 5 September 1991                                                                     | 5 December 1991                     |
| Panama             | 21 January 1993 a/                                                                   | 21 April 1993                       |
| Portugal           | 17 October 1990                                                                      | 11 July 1991                        |
| Romania            | 27 February 1991                                                                     | 11 July 1991                        |
| Slovenia           | 10 March 1994                                                                        | 10 June 1994                        |
| Spain              | 11 April 1991                                                                        | 11 July 1991                        |
| Sweden             | 11 May 1990                                                                          | 11 July 1991                        |
| Switzerland        | 16 June 1994 a/                                                                      | 16 September 1994                   |
| Uruguay            | 21 January 1993                                                                      | 21 April 1993                       |
| Venezuela          | 22 February 1993                                                                     | 22 May 1993                         |

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